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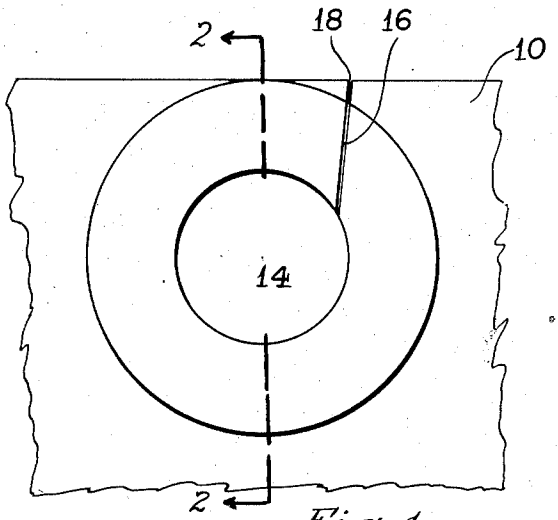


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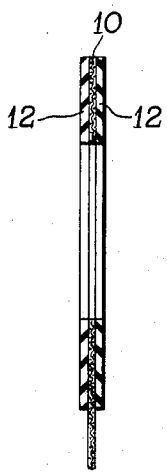


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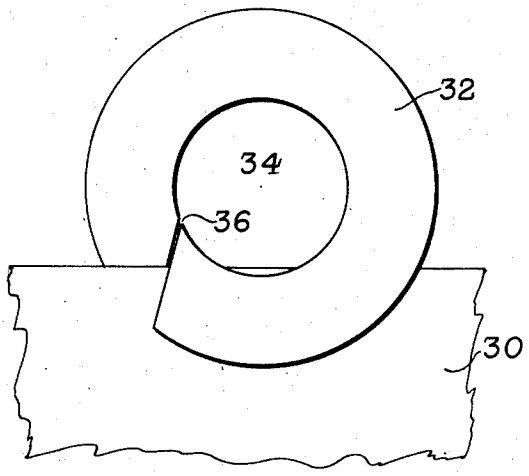


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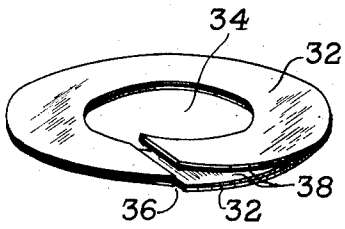


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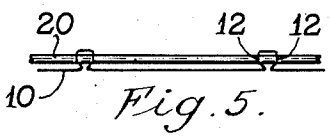


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This invention relates to draperies such as ornamental drapes and curtains, shower curtains and the like. It aims to provide, in simple economical fashion, draperies characterized by their ability to be hung on and removed from curtain rods without disturbing the rods. In the preferred form of my invention, the hanging device is so embedded in the drape or curtain that the rod may be completely hidden by the fabric.

The invention can best be understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is a front view of a portion of a drapery embodying my invention, showing a single hanging device embedded therein.

Fig. 2 is a section along the line **2—2** in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front view of an alternate form of hanging device, attached to a drapery.

Fig. 4 is a perspective of the hanging device attached to a drapery in Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 shows a preferred method for hanging the drapes, being a schematic plan view of a hanging drape.

According to my invention, I mount on a drapery fabric **10**, adjacent to the top thereof, a ring **12** of relatively stiff material, preferably of a thermoplastic such as polyvinyl chloride, cellulose acetate, "Teflon" (polyfluoroethylene) polystyrene, polyethylene, or the like material. Most preferably, two rings are mounted in register, one on each side of the fabric. They may be cemented to the fabric in any known fashion; with the thermoplastic compositions, they may be heat sealed without additional adhesive. The fabric is then cut out of the open center **14** of the ring, and a roughly vertical slit (**16** in the plastic—**18** in the drapery) is then cut through to the top of the drapery, very near to the side of the open center **14**; it may range in position from a vertical tangent to the center circle, to a line which cuts a small segment of the circle. Obviously, the slits and holes can be cut before assembly, and lined up afterward for assembly.

Because of the stiffness of the ring material, frictional pressure normally keeps the slit closed. In removing or hanging the curtains or drapes on a rod, the slit is opened, and the curtain pulled away or mounted on the rod.

The rings act as natural drape points, since they ride the curtain rod at right angles. Where they are set at spaced intervals, the curtains will drape in front of them,

partly in front and partly in back of the rod. If it is desired to hide the rod and have the curtain draped forward of it, the rings may be set up in pairs, as shown in Fig. 5, where the drape **10**, is shown as mounted on the rod **20**, with two sets of two rings **12** spaced from each other, so that the rod **20** is hidden from view.

Where it is desired to use the rings with existing draperies, I provide the modified form of the device shown in Figs. 3 and 4. In this form of the device, I provide a pair of rings **32**, preferably of thermoplastic material, with center openings **34**. A slit **36** is cut through the ring, roughly approximating a tangent to the inner circle—in actuality, cutting a small segment. Adjacent the slit, for approximately 90° of arc, the two rings **32** are open; preferably, layers of adhesive **38** are attached to the inner surfaces. The curtain is placed in the opening between the two rings, as shown in Fig. 3, and the adhesive is activated. The ring may be opened at the slit, which is now largely in back of the curtain.

It will be noted that I have provided a curtain which can be hung from a rod in such a fashion that the rod need not be disturbed, without the necessity of providing removable metal hooks. The plastic rings, which form an integral part of the draperies, can be selected to withstand either washing or dry cleaning, or both.

The particular forms shown in the specification can of course be modified without departing from the scope of my invention, as defined in the claims.

I claim:

1. A drape capable of being hung on a rod in a direction parallel to the length thereof comprising a fabric capable of being draped, carrying adjacent its top a series of rings of relatively stiff material affixed to the fabric, holes in the drapery fabric matching the open centers of the rings, and slits through the rings and the top of the fabric in a direction roughly vertical and tangential to the open center, the rings being of such stiff material relative to the drape fabric that the slits in the rings normally remain closed when the drape is hung on a rod threaded through the holes with the drape in the direction of the rod.

2. The fabric of claim 1, in which the rings and their corresponding open centers are arranged in spaced pairs, whereby the fabric may be draped on a rod while concealing the rod.

3. The fabric of claim 1, in which the rings are of thermoplastic material.

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